STATEMENT REGARDING ORDINANCE

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a Statement (in English and Hindi) explaining the circumstances, which has necessitated immediate legislation by the Central Industrial Security Force (Amendment) Ordinance, 2009.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Status of Implementation of Twenty-fourth report of Department-related Parlia-mentary Standing Committee on Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): Sir, I beg to make a statement regarding status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Twenty-fourth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.

श्री दिग्विजय सिंह (झारखंड): सभापति महोदय, गृह मंत्री को रोका जाए, चूंकि श्री यशवंत सिन्हा जी पर हुए अमले पर अभी discussion होना है, इसलिए आप उनको रुकने के लिए कहिए। ...**(व्यवधान)**...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Would you please stay for some time?

RESIGNATION BY MEMBER

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that I had received a letter from Shri C. Ramachandraiah, Member, representing the State of Andhra Pradesh, resigning his seat in the Rajya Sabha. I have accepted his resignation with effect from the 22nd January, 2009.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that a letter has been received from Shri Shyam Benegal stating that he will not be able to attend the House due to his professional commitments. He has, therefore, requested for grant of Leave of Absence from the 12th February to 26th February, 2009 of the current session of the Rajya Sabha.

Does he have the permission of the House for remaining absent from 12th February to 26th February, 2009 of the current session of the Rajya Sabha?

(No hon. Member dissented.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Permission to remain absent is granted.